

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING
MINUTES
OPEN BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2011

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on February 4, 2011 in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Patricia A. Murphy, Board President called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Saundra Austin-Benn
Noreen D'Angelo
Theresa Beck
Richard Hader

Jonathan Hress
Patricia Murphy
Luz Ramos
Constance Wilson

ALSO PRESENT:

George J. Hebert, Executive Director
Olga Bradford, Deputy Attorney General
Diane Scott, Administrative Staff
Mary Peterson, Supervisor, Disciplinary Section
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst
Deborah Zuccarelli, Disciplinary Section

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Avery Hart
Joni Jones

Karen Rodriguez

QUORUM WAS DECLARED PRESENT

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing on December 23, 2010. A schedule of all 2011 Regular Open Board Meetings to be held during 2011 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the Bulletin Board at the New Jersey State Board of Nursing Office.

AGENDA:

Open Regular Board Meeting Agenda of February 4, 2011: Reading and Approval:

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Connie Wilson, voted to approve the Regular Open Board Meeting Agenda of February 4, 2011. The motion carried.

MINUTES:

Open Business Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2010: Reading and Approval with amendments:

Page 1 – correct the date of the minutes

Page 5 – Proposal to delete CRNA supervision language and replace with joint protocol collaboration. The motion should read – The Board voted to submit a comment to the Department of Health and Senior Services.

Page 9 – Open forum – change to Noreen D'Angelo asked the public to share with the Board of Nursing any concerns, issues or questions.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Connie Wilson, voted to approve the Regular Open Board Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2010 as amended. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT – DR. PATRICIA A. MURPHY:

Dr. Murphy presented the 2010 Annual Report (Report Attached).

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – GEORGE J. HEBERT:

George Hebert reported:

- 2011 Meeting Calendar – The Board discussed possible changes to the meeting dates.
- 2011 Committee Assignments – Each Board member is required to sign up to participate in a Committee to ensure that the work of the Board flows effectively.
- 2011 Goals – The Education Subcommittee had its last meeting in Dec 2010 to discuss proposed revisions to the regulations and NCSBN is initiating changes to the proposed National APRN Consensus Model.
- The Division of Consumer Affairs has implemented two initiatives that will assist the Boards with heavy work flows. The Metro Scanning document scanning project is progressing. Archived files and currently active files will be scanned. When complete, this should streamline data retrieval and licensure processes. The second project includes a call center that answers the high volume of calls received monthly. The staff manning the center

provides basic information; more complex questions are referred to Board staff. The call center is currently handing approximately 90% of the 2000 + calls received per month.

INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

1. Article by Steven R. Scanlan, MD regarding Suboxone: Concerns Behind the Miracle.
2. Article in the Institute of Medicine Journal regarding The Future of Nursing – Leading Change, Advancing Health.
3. Article from the Industry & Government Relations Committee regarding The Big Three: A Side by Side Matrix Comparing Hospital Accrediting Agencies.
4. December 13, 2010 – email from NCSBN Communications regarding NCSBN Board of Directors voted to raise the passing standard for the NCLEX PN Examination.
5. December 20, 2010 – email from NCSBN Communications regarding Nevada has joined Nursys.com.
6. January 13, 2011 – memo from Melissa H. DiGregorio, Acting Supervisor, Administrative Rules Unit, Department of Corrections regarding Proposed Readoption with Amendments at N.J.A.C. 10A:2, Fiscal Management.
7. January 25, 2011 – NJ State Nurses Association article by Dr. Peter Buerhaus’: Perspective on the Short-and-Long Term Outlook for Registered Nurses in the US.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

George Hebert provided detailed information on the following:

1. RN and LPN NCLEX Results for 2010. (Report Attached)
2. NCLE G4 – Jurisdiction Program Summary of all first time candidates.
3. A request from Felician College regarding a curriculum change.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Connie Wilson and duly seconded by Saundra Austin-Benn, voted to approve the Curriculum Change for Felician College. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst will discuss the following items:

1. N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.2, Application for establishment of a new program in nursing. The Board discussed proposed changes to the regulations.
2. N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.5, CHHA amendments - Review of amendments to the rules governing certified homemaker-home health aides was deferred to the next Board meeting.

3. Appearance – Connie Wilson, Board Member requested to attend the NJSNA Convention. **After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D’Angelo and duly seconded by Luz Ramos, voted to approve the appearance of Connie Wilson to attend the nursing convention. The motion carried.**

OPEN FORUM:

Patricia Murphy asked the public to share with the Board of Nursing any concerns, issues or questions:

- No comments from the public.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D’Angelo and duly seconded by Sandra Austin-Benn, voted to go into closed session to discuss disciplinary matters and nursing programs. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

On November 5, 2010 the Regular Open Board Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on May 6, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Murphy
Board President